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Library to Screen Documentary Film “Bright Leaves” on Aug. 7 *Great-Grandson of Tobacco Pioneer Looks at Industry and Family*

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego Public Library will screen the POV documentary film “Bright Leaves” on Sunday, Aug. 7 at 2 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego.

What legacy is passed down to generations when a family is a giant tobacco producer? Filmmaker Ross McElwee (“Sherman's March,” “Time Indefinite”), whose great-grandfather created the famous Bull Durham brand in his native North Carolina, takes viewers on an autobiographical journey across that state’s social, economic and psychological tobacco terrain.

Wise and wry, this meditation on the allure of cigarettes looks at loss and preservation, addiction and denial. “Bright Leaves” also examines filmmaking itself, as McElwee grapples with home movies, a vintage Hollywood melodrama and his own efforts to document North Carolina and his family.

For more information, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the Library on the City’s Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/>.

**Since 1988 POV has brought the best of independent point-of-view documentaries to a national audience, featuring the work of America's most innovative documentary filmmakers to build new communities in conversation about today's most pressing social issues. A national PBS premiere of this documentary is slated for Aug. 23 at 10 p.m. Check local listings.*

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